



Notes from the Office

October 2010

It's Membership Renewal Time!

HCBC membership renewals have been mailed out October 15th to all our 2010 members. We now have an improved online system in place to allow new and renewing members to join quickly and easily. We can also complete your membership by phone during office hours 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday or you can request or download a membership renewal form and send it into the office. For membership questions contact membership@hcbc.ca or call 1-800-345-8055 toll free or local 604-856-4304.

HCBC Christmas Marketplace

This year we are offering a "Christmas Marketplace" on the free HCBC forums. This section will run from October to the end of December and give HCBC members a place to sell and showcase their Christmas Equine related crafts for sale. This is a great opportunity to check out unique equestrian themed gifts and crafts you can buy in time for Christmas. This section can be viewed by all users but is only 2010 or 2010/2011 HCBC members may post their craft items for sale in this section. The HCBC forums can be accessed from our homepage www.hcbc.ca and click on the link to "forums".

Shop at the HCBC Bookstore "Riders Reads"

Looking for a perfect gift for a horse enthusiast? Don't forget the "Riders Reads" the HCBC bookstore. We carry hundreds of books for all equine interests and disciplines. If you don't know what book to buy, ask for a gift certificate to the bookstore, we can do any dollar amount you require. You can access the online store on our website homepage, or call to request a catalogue. Email bookstore@hcbc.ca with any questions or requests you have.

New in the Riders Read's bookstore:

Vital Statistics - A Guide to Conformation. The Pony Club Stablemates book 1 - 27.95 plus tax

This book will help the reader learn how to look at the whole picture, identify the differences between breeds and types of horses and look at details. With this information the reader can know how to choose the right horse for the job. This a great book for Pony Clubs, new and not so new horse owners as well as coaching candidates.

Body Basics - A Guide to the Anatomy of the Horse. The Pony Club Stablemates book 2 - 27.95 plus tax.

With its clear easy to follow text, supported by superb colour illustrations, this book provides a comprehensive guide to the anatomy of the horse. This a great book for Pony Clubs, new and not so new horse owners as well as coaching candidates.

Kottas on Dressage - 39.95 plus tax

This book is a distillation of the practice and philosophy of one of the most highly regarded international trainers of the current era. Correct riding is stressed with detailed text, notes and pictures.

Rookie Reiner - 30.95 plus tax

Rookie Reiner is your one-stop shop for everything the beginning reining competitor needs to know-whether "green as grass" or several years in. You'll get the lowdown on how the sport of reining is

organized, how shows are run, and how you fit into the mix. Find the right trainer for your budget; determine whether your current horse has the attitude and ability to make it in the show pen; and ensure your tack and equipment is legal, safe, and appropriate for the sport. Get to know the required maneuvers-what they demand of your horse, and of you-and how they play out in the 11 official National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) patterns.

We have great stocking stuffers as well:

Horse & Rider ID Tags - 15.95 plus HST

This is a reflective bridle attachment that holds your contact information should you and your horse become "separated" during a ride

HCBC T-shirts - starting at \$15.00 plus GST

Here is a stylish way to show your membership! Lots of sizes, colors and styles available.

Equine Education Conference

You are invited to the first ever Horse Council BC Equine Education Conference! Join us January 22-23, 2011, at The Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre in Kelowna. The conference will bring together diverse members of BC's equine community for an exciting weekend of learning and networking.

Speakers confirmed are Hilary Clayton, World renowned expert and author on Equine Biomechanics. JW Equine expert and author on Conformation, along with speakers covering topics on Insurance and Liability, Equine Legal Issues, Equine Business Development, Horse Camping, Safe Hauling, Rider Fitness, Veterinary topics and more. Equine Canada English coaches will receive Professional Updating hours for attendance at the seminars. Conference passes are available for \$134.40, to register go online to www.hcbc.ca and use our secure online system or you can download a printable registration for and mail it to the office. Contact communications@hcbc.ca for more information.

The Preferred room rate for conference attendees is \$114.00 per night plus HST. Rooms must be booked before December 24 2010 to take advantage of this discounted room rate. Contact the Delta Grand 1-800-465-4651

Don't want to drive? Take our exclusive private HCBC Conference busses for a round trip to Kelowna. Pick ups in the following areas; Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Kootenays, Thompson-Okanagan, Cariboo, North West. Pick up locations subject to change and will be confirmed closer to conference date. Bus ticket round trip \$100.00 plus HST to book a seat see registration form.
Western Coaching Update January 2011

The 2011 Western Coaches Update will be held Friday, January the 21st in conjunction with the Equine Education Conference. All Western Coaches who attend the update and purchase a conference pass will be able to take advantage of a reduced update registration fee of \$25.00. Coaches who attend the update only, pay \$75.00 registration fee for the update alone.

BC's Best... Celebrating Equine Achievements

Have you gotten your tickets for the HCBC Awards Banquet November 30th, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza and Conference center in Abbotsford, BC? Don't miss out the opportunity to celebrate BC's Best as well as a wonderful dinner, entertainment and fun. Not to be missed is the red carpet paparazzi! Mark your calendars and be sure to attend BC's premier Equestrian Celebration banquet.

High School Athlete Recognition Awards

HCBC is pleased to announce a new program for High School students. Called the High School Equestrian Recognition Program, this program will reward students who participate in Equestrian sports outside of school . The recognition given is similar to that which is given to athletes on interscholastic teams in the form of "letters" or "blocks". The program as developed promotes and rewards physical activity after school and in the summer and rewards active volunteerism in the hopes of nurturing a new

generation of volunteers. Academic excellence is also rewarded.

Students qualify for awards in several categories. The main reward category is the Riding Recognition badge where the student is required to complete 20 hours of being coached by a EC Certified Coach, and compete at 4 competitions sanctioned by their governing body. Participation and not results are the basis of this award.

Students who achieve the Riding Recognition reward can also be awarded recognition for Volunteer Achievement by giving a minimum of 10 hours at a club event or competition. Students may also receive an Academic achievement badge if they achieve the Riding Recognition badge and a minimum of 2 "A"'s on their transcript for the school year.

For more information or to register for this program contact coaching@hcbc.ca. The fee per school year is \$20.00 per student.

High School Credits and the Para Athlete

HCBC has begun a Pilot program to allow riders with a disability to obtain High School Credits. The Equine Canada Rider exams will be used as templates. Once successfully established this program will be accepted by the Ministry of Education in the same manner that the able bodied riders receive credit for Rider exams. The Pilot program allows EC Certified Coaches who are also CANTRA certified to use adaptations to enable a rider to successfully complete a rider exam. Exams done with adaptations or those that have had changes made to accommodate a riders disability are not accepted by Equine Canada and cannot be used as Coach or Instructor certification preparation. These exams will only be recognized in BC for High School credits.

Riders can receive 2 grade 10 credits for English Rider 2, 4 Grade 11 Credits for English Rider 6 and 4 Grade 12 Credits for English Rider 8. Western Riders can receive 2 credits for Rider 1, 2 credits for completing Rider 2, 4 credits for completing Rider 3 with an additional 4 credits for completing Rider 4.

For more information please contact coaching@hcbc.ca

BC Heritage Championships 2011

The BC Heritage Championship committee has created new divisions for the competition. Dressage riders and Hunter/Jumpers can now qualify and participate in the championships. Championship classes are:

Western: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, Command Class, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Keyhole Race.

English: English Showmanship, English Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Road Hack, Show Hack, Handy Horse, Hunter Over Fences 2'-3' / 3' - 3'6"

Jumper 2'-3' / 3'-3'6", Dressage : Training / First Levels

Driving; Reinsmanship, Pleasure, Command, Games-Barrels, Poles

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